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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1130 GMT 14 APRIL 2007:
SUICIDE BOMBINGS NEAR USG FACILITIES IN CASABLANCA

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¶1. (SBU) At approximately 0900 GMT on Saturday April 14 two suicide bombers detonated the explosives they were carrying at two locations on Boulevard Moulay Yousef in central Casablanca. One detonation occurred near a police van stationed diagonally across the street from the Consulate General. The other occurred in front of the American Language Center down the street from the Consulate General. As of 1030, Consul-General Casablanca advised the DCM that a body, presumably that of the bomber, was still in the street in front of the ALC. There are reports of a second fatality, presumably that of the other bomber. All American personnel of the Consulate General are safe and accounted for and have been advised to remain at home. The Consulate General is currently contacting all locally engaged employees. A substantial police deployment has fanned out to search for any possible additional bombers and secure the neighborhood.

¶2. (SBU) The Embassy legal attache and RSO are en route to Casablanca and in contact with Moroccan police authorities. Moroccan authorities have asked the Consulate General for access to surveillance tapes of the street in front of the Consulate. Consulate General personnel are currently working to access those tapes.

¶3. (SBU) Local guard force personnel stationed at the ALC, Dar America, and the Consulate General are accounted for and currently inside the buildings.

¶4. (SBU) The Ambassador has spoken by phone with General Idriss Charki, commander of the national police force and requested additional police protection for the Consulate-General and U.S. Embassy facilities in Rabat. The DCM has activated the U.S. Embassy's phone tree to account for Embassy personnel. The Consular Chief, Casablanca, is preparing a warden message for the American Community in Morocco. The American club in Rabat has been closed for the day as a precautionary measure.

¶5. (SBU) The DCM has conferred with the Director of the Rabat American School, where many students are currently engaged in Saturday morning little league practice and other activities. ARSO, currently at the school, coordinated with local authorities for additional police and local guard protection for the school.

¶6. (SBU) The DCM has convened the Embassy's Emergency Action

Committee in Rabat with phone participation of the Consul
General in Casablanca at 1200 noon GMT.

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